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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to expressly convey my recommendation that you reconsider the recent decision to settle the United States Department of Justice's antitrust lawsuit against the Microsoft Corporation.

You may be aware that no fewer than ten (10) consumer groups disagree with the decision to settle this lawsuit because such a move leaves Microsoft with little incentive to change its unlawful practices. I am proud that Iowa's Attorney General, Tom Miller, rejected the settlement agreement. Attorney General Miller and the other state attorneys general are wise to see the many loopholes and enforcement issues this settlement leave open.

Sincerely,

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cc: Iowa Attorney General